



March 11, 2009

The Honorable David Dreier
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0526

Dear Congressman Dreier:

On behalf of the City of Montclair, I respectfully request your assistance in securing \$3,500,000 for the Monte Vista Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Project (GSP) in the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010. This project is authorized as a High Priority Project (HPP) in SAFETEA-LU and has the support of San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG).

Increased rail traffic from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles has caused significant delays at rail crossings, including Monte Vista Avenue. This grade separation project will reduce traffic delays, reduce air pollution from idling vehicles, and increase transportation safety.

The Monte Vista Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad GSP will be constructed in one segment. The project extends from 200 feet north of Brooks Street south across the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks and State Street to a point approximately 900 feet south of State Street. The Monte Vista Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad GSP is an extension of the Alameda Corridor and Alameda Corridor East projects. The environmental under CEQA is complete. Design is also complete. Right-of-way acquisition has been started with state and local funds.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in helping Montclair complete this vital project. We appreciate your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Eaton
City of Montclair